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From the Chicago Journal. The commission which is to build the government railroad in Alaska will cut \$5,000.000 feet of timber in the Chugach national forest for use in contructing the line. This is a good deal of wood. Yet it is barely more than 10 per cent of the estimated annual growth of timber in the public domain

growth of timber in the public domain of Alaska.

The forest service estimates that 800,-000,000 feet of lumber could be cut every year forever in Alaskan national forests without decreasing the supply. At \$10 per 1,000 feet—a low valuation—the forests of Alaska would yield each year \$800,000 more than Secretary Seward paid for the whole territory. The greatest national bargain in all history was the Louisiana purchase; and one of Jefferson's chief titles to fame is that he had the wit and courage to throw his theories of government

# TREATMENT OF INSANE AT HOME IS PLANNED

Crowded Conditions in New York Hospitals Responsible for Proposed New System.

Treatment of the mildly insane and ases of incipient insanity in the patients' own homes is contemplated by the New York state hospital commis sion, the plan having been suggested by and having the support of Gov. Whitman. Overcrowding of the state ospitals, which already have nearly 34,000 insane patients, and the necesdispensaries, it is stated, has afforded the opportunity for enlarging the socalled "out-patient" system of treating cases of mildly insane persons. A statement prepared for the Survey by George A. Hastings, executive secetary of the committee on mental hygiene of the New York State Chariies Aid Association, which follows, gives details of the project:

possible.

### Out-Patient Departments.

"This is a long step in the direction of the prevention of insanity. Two years ago the legislature authorized the superintendent of each state hospital for the insane to establish an out-patient department or dispensary, out-patient department or dispensary, assign a physician to it and employ a paid field agent in connection with it. Seven of the fourteen hospitals have established out-patient departments, but only three have appointed field agents, The five new dispensaries will be opened by the state hospitals at Buffalo, Blinghamton, Middletown, Utica

and Willard.
"A mental dispensary is a place where people may go at a specified hour of

womanhood, and not rarely do we find reference made, by way of comparion, to the "useless, ornamental, butterfly existence" of their American sisters. But circumstances alter cases. Generally speaking, woman, the world over, is the same bit of humanity as man, with a liberal dash of vocational dis- City Fathers comforts superadded. Since the days of Fohi she has been a commodity, a toy—the house beggar depending for apparel and gastillos on the liberality apparel and gastillos on the liberality of father, brothers and husband.

To the Asiatic she is a chattel, to the Spaniard a plaything, to the Eriglishman a breadwinner, to the German a consort, to the Frenchman a pet and to the American a ruling queen. The Latin hides her from the gaze of outsiders, the Saxon chains her to the hearth; the American allows her free scope for conquest beyond the quadrangle of her home.

The American woman does not fancy

The Pessimist—Would anything ever The Optimist—Never! I'd die first. empt you to commit suicide?

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COMMISSARY SUPPLIES.

## VISITING THE WAR BRIDES.

IV .- The Plight of Penn-

By Frederic J. Haskin.

PENNGROVE, N. J., October 17 .-This is a town transformed. A year with about 2.500 inhabitants, famed for its pretty cottage homes, its fine oyster shell roads and its general air of bu colic restfulness.

Today it is the center of a roaring labor camp, where about 8,000 people live and more than 15,000 work. Ugly frame structures to house foreign laborers are going up on every vacant lot, to the great disgust of the natives. The fine roads have been reduced to ruts and dust. Its only hotel, a famous historical landmark, took in nearly a thousand dollars over its bar in one day; whereupon, Penngrove threw up its hands in righteous horror and sent for the sheriff. The village suggests a highly respectable maiden lady of advanced age trying to entertain a large and hilarious party of drummers. But the change outside Penngrove is more startling than within. As though besieged by a hostile army, the village is surrounded on all sides by immense camps that were built almost in a day. A year ago the powder mill employed about 200 men; now it has 14,000 on its pay zoll. There are hundreds and hundreds of acres covered with long, low mills, drying houses and towering blending plants. Some of them are built of sheet iron, some of wood, covered with paper. All are painted a dull battleship gray. They are surrounded by woven wire fence ten feet high and tonged with barbs. historical landmark, took in nearly a painted a dull battleship gray. They are surrounded by woven wire fence ten feet high and topped with barbs. Two hundred special guards in khaki uniforms are on hand to explain what the fences are for.

in material and carries out finished pow-Whole Villages

swarming quarters of the employes. Some of their houses are built of paper and wood, and some of them are even portable. An army of about 500 car-

Hatch New Idea. council now pro-poses to preent to the New Jersey state legislature petition for the rescinding of the borough character, so that Peyngrove will lose its identity and be reabsorbed into essfully reversed.

to the American would be soon the gaze of our siders, the Saxon chains he to the arith; the American wows her free scope for the discount of the saxon chains he to the arith; the American woman does not fancy the drooping, shamefaced lash of her European counterpart, but had not a soul could two councilmen. But and to these posts of honor, mountened and public service. It may see strange is not votors of her earm. At every step she kindles flames of admiration and covetousness, but passes on and allows those flames to die from inantiton; she vaults unscathed over the leaping bonfires in her honor, and after whetting appreciation she eludes the greedy grasp. Not a violet, hidden under shrub and hedge, she glories in admiration under the halcyon sun, unplucked and appropriated by none. Given a change of condition, she develops unbounded energies. She has a mind to plas, a will so succeeds hands within her untold energy, and the work of the womanhood of Europe, in this emergency, would be discounted by her health; she sheds the unpliant form and melts into that divine being—the lovely mother.

He'd-Die First.

From Life.

The Pessimist—Would anything ever The Optimist—Never! I'd die first. tempt you to commit suicides?

The particular of the succession of the conscription is the process can be successfully reversed.

The particular of Penngrove develops a new angle almost every day. For example, it is now time to elect its city and the ceclesiastical side of the state, or that of the ecclesiastical side of the state, or that of the ecclesiastical side of the state, or that of the ecclesiastical side of the state, or that of the ecclesiastical side of the state, or that of the ecclesiastical side of the state, or that of the ecclesiastical side of the state, or that of the ecclesiastical side of the state, or that of the ecclesiastical side of the state, or that of the ecclesiastical side of the state, or that of the ecclesiastical side of the state, or that of the ecclesiastical side of the state, or that of the e

Another trouble is thrusting up its hydra head. The chief means of transportation be-Road Problem tween the Also Springs to Fore. ferry, which brings you rom Wilmington and various points in the powder camp is a large fleet of muddy, squawking jitneys. They make thousands of trips a day. The owners of these numerous jitneys have formed a sort of trust and hired a lawyer to represent their interests. Each of them has paid for a license and they propose to make Penngrove mend its roads. This, in a sense, is the unkindest cut of all. Having smashed those beautiful roads into a ruin of mud and chuck holes, the traffic now turns savagely upon Penngrove for ruining its cars with her awful roads!

These are only some of the borough's unique and annoying troubles. Another one is the scarcity of meat, which has reached an almost prohibitive price. Then, again, there is the water supply. The people of Penngrove have long taken all of their drinking water from some 400 wells, and this water they claim to be especially fine and healthy. But modern sanitarians do not think wells are safe in crowded towns, so the state board of health came along and condemned nearly half of them. As a result, many Penngrove housewives are forced to borest cut of all. Having smashed those

HEARD AND SEEN HERE AND THERE.

By Earl Godwin.

The day after John L. Martin was mar-"To take charge of this post and all government property in view."
"Have you any special orders?" asked ried some one asked a prominent and to go after John and tie him fast to an insurance policy, this being the fa-



then feet high and topped with barbs.
Two hundred special guards in khaki uniforms are on hand to explain what the fences are for.

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An endless procession of trains brings in material and carries out finished powder to waiting ships. Outside the formidable fences are the swarming quarters of the employes. Some

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When Kirk Simpson was in the army there was a recruit placed on guard duty one night who had a very expressive manner of speaking. He was ignorant of nearly everything military except what had been hammered into his head by a drill sergeant working day and night for three months—and that wasn't much.

Now, it happened that there was a general supervising officer for the maneuver camp, who was dubbed "Grand Rounds" in army slang. This officer



clined with thanks. It wasn't losing any money, and did not see what was to be gained by making the troubles of Pennsrove its own.

While Penngrove has been all mussed up by this avalanche of industry, there is every reason to believe that it will eventually get its hat on straight and come up smiling. The lapse of time and the soothing effects of the goodly dollar will lessen the harassed village fathers, but they soon hatched a soon hatched a new idea. The Rassano. She will put aside her village ways and enter into her own as a metropolitan.

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## The Chief Mufti.

From the Pall Mall Gazette. The resignation of the Sheikh-ulthe township. The tail found it couldn't wag the dog, but there is reason to believe the process can be suc- The chief mufti, by which title the sheikh is also knon, is the head of

# the officer. The recruit then became extremely communicative, not knowing who was speaking to him, and replied in a burst of confidence:

"No, except every one around here tells me to look out for a pie-faced mutt they call Grand Rounds. They say he is the meanest son of a gun that ever lived."

Last year Secretary Daniels decorated his annual report with several choice excerpts from Shakespeare. At the pres-ent writing there is a foot-and-a-half shelf of books on Mr. Daniels' desk in



Shakespeare.

the Navy Department, and the volume nearest his hand, easily accessible for reference, is "Romance and Poetry and Plays of Bulwer Lytton." Look out for

extracts in the new navy program. There is a man in this city trying to get \$23,000 from the Carranza govern-ment for a choice lot of shoe machinery acquired in Mexican fashion by the Carranza army. The army seemed to think it wanted that machinery to make itself some shoes, so it just took it. There isn't any dispute about that on either side.

However, an intimate acquaintance of this column, who is in the pay of the Carranza government, tells me that



of the methods of placing contracts for police uniforms, in which it was disclosed that Fechheimer Brothers Company had enjoyed a monopoly of this business since 1905. The Commissioners consequently drew up a plan for the awarding of uniform contracts for both departments in a manner that would insure equitable competition.

Limousine With Heavy Tread. From the Ohio Motorist. He was wandering aimlessly around in a department store when the floor walker approached him. "Looking for something?" he asked.

## "Yes, my wife," replied the man. "Describe her." "Well, she's a sort of a limousine with eavy tread, and usually runs on low." Two Reasons.

The Optimist-Don't bet on a sure thing. It isn't fair to the other fellow. The Pessimist—Besides which you are generally apt to lose.

## The Thrill That Comes Once in a Lifetime. By WEBSTER.



## THE WEEK

Epitome of Events Ending Octo-

## WAR CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE UNITED STATES.

The protest of the United States

against the orders in council interfer ing with American commerce was sen by special messenger to Great Britain; representatives of American commer cial interests, in conference with the State Department, made the charge that British interference had as its object the favoring of British trade. Robert Fay, German army officer; his brother in-law, Walter L. Scholz; Paul Daeche Dr. Herbert L. Klenzie and Max Breit ing were put under arrest charged with conspiracy; Fay admitted that he had been granted leave of absence to carry out a project to interfere with shipments of ammunition to the allies by explosions in American munitions by explosions in American munitions factories and aboard ships carrying ammunition from the United States; the German embassy discredited the men under arrest as agents of the German government. Dr. C. T. Dumba, the recalled Austro-Hungarian ambassador to the United States, was reported to have been honored by a title of nobility conferred by the emperor. Germany suspended parcel post service to the United States.

## European War.

The German forces were reported to have made a juncture with the Bulgarian troops, forcing a way through Ser bia; French troops routed Bulgarians in a batle in southwest Serbia. Berlin reported the recovery of positions in the Champagne district captured by France earlier in the week. Petrograd reported continued successes south of Dyinsk. The German cruiser Prinz Adelbert was sunk by British submarine in the Baltic. Aristide Briand, as premier, and Jules Cambon, as principal secretary, formed a new French cabinet following the resignation of Viviani, due to criticism of the failure of the Balkan policy. Thirty-four Belgians were sentenced to death by Germany on charges of espionage and treason. Massacres of Armenians at Kerasund were reported. reported the recovery of positions in were reported.

### NATIONAL.

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W. J. Bryan took the stump in Ohio for state-wide prohibition. California rejected the plan for non-partisan state government proposed by Gov. Johnson. The American National Woman Suffrage Association announced a plan to compel members of Congress to take a stand for or against suffrage. Charles S. Mellén continued his testimony in the trial of former directors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad under the Sherman anti-trust law. Twenty pupils were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the parochial school at Peabody, Mass. Twelve girl employes were burned to death in the fire that destroyed a box factory at Pittsburgh, Pa.; investigation was begun to determine the possibility of criminal negligence. Eight were killed in the wreck of an automobile struck by a Grand Trunk train at Fraser, Mich. Bandits held up and looted the southbound Missouri, Kansas and Texas passenger train near Onapa, Okla.

FOREIGÑ.

### FOREIGN. The United States border patrol en-

gaged in a battle with Mexican ban-dits, north of Brownsville, Tex., one soldier being wounded; Villa forces occupied Naco on the withdrawal of the Carranza garrison; the Mexican rail-ways resumed schedules from the bor-der to Durango, Nicaragua recognized arranza. American Overseas Corpora-on, formed to facilitate American carranza. American Overseas Corporation, formed to facilitate American trade with neutral nations, completed organization. James L. Curtis was named as American minister to Liberia. Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo was named as Chinese minister to the United States, Maximo Burro Rosales was reported seeking the aid of the United States in aspirations to be president of Honduras. Typhon caused the death of 170 and heavy property damage in Luzon, P. I. Porter Charlton, American, was found guilty of causing the death of his wife, and sentenced to a term of imprisonment which, with concessions for the period of his incarceration awaiting trial, will expire in a month. Announcement was made that no representative of the Christian religion will be allowed to take part in the ceremonies attending the coronation of the Japanese emperor. The Pope announced that a consistory will be held despite war conditions in Europe. The Danish cabinet announced that women will be

the fiscal relations between the governation of the fiscal relations between the governation of the fiscal relations between the governation of the point citizens' committee, which in turn represents all of the presenting the Joint citizens' committee, which in turn represents all of the principal civic and trade organizations in the District, appeared before the in restigating committee urging that the present plan of appropriating for the District be retained; arguments were submitted by Herbert J. Browne, W. D. Mackenzie and others, urging the abandonment of the half-and-half plan now the existing, a change in the present system of taxation and local self-government. A representative committee of the bar was called together by Chief Justice Covington of the District Supreme Court to prepare a revision of the code of laws of the District of Columbia. Ground was broken at the site for the new American Federation of Labor building, Secretary Wilson of the Deportment of Labor, participating in the ceremonles. The Washington navy yard was designated as the place of construction for the first navy yard built aeroplane. Mrs. Belva Lockwood, eighty-four, celebrated their birthday anniversaries. Thomas G. Forney pleaded guilty to felonious assault on his father-in-law, T. Frank-lin Shenelder of Washington, before the Pittsburgh criminal court, and was sentenced to eight years in prison. Mrs. E. B. Collier and her daughter, Miss Myra Collier, were accidentally as phyxiated in bed by illuminating gas. Among those who died during the week were E. S. Marlow, long-time official of the Potomac Electric Power Company. John T. Webster, lifelong resident of Washington, and J. B. Miller, patent attorney.

Sparrow Whips Ostrich.

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## Sparrow Whips Ostrich.

An English sparrow, drunk on whisky tonic prepared for an American eagle, fought a winning battle in Woodland Park, Seattle, with a California-bred ostrich. The sparrow got the tonic by stealth.

From the New York American.

"I put down the pan for a moment," Dr. Gustav Knudsen, keeper, explained, "and returning found the sparrow helping himself. When I attempted to neiping himself. When I attempted to remove the pan he pecked my hand sharply several times and then flew into my face. I hit him a sharp rap and he flew to the ostrich inclosure. Big Jim, the male, came strutting along and made a thrust at the spar-row.

along and made a thrust at the sparrow.

"Cussing in sparrow talk, the bird
alighted on the head of his adversary
and tried to shake him. Failing in
this, he attacked Jim's eyes with
beak and claws. Jim didn't have a
fighting chance, and finally hid his
shamed head under the wing of his
companion for protection." Run over by a Baltimore and Ohio freight train in Baltimore Thursday night, Daniel Giblen, fifty years old, dled yesterday in that city.

# WAR MAKES OF USKUP AN IMPORTANT CENTER

Chief City of Southern Serbia Has Aspect of a Country

Town.

Uskup, the latest Serbian town to be ided to the battle-flooded region in the Balkans, the most important center in the south of the kingdom, is described in the following statement, issued today by the National Geographic

"Dominating the southern part of Servia, a center of manufacture and a storehouse of supplies, the city of Uskup, situated 160 miles northwest of Saloniki, in a picturesque valley at the foot of two mountain ranges, the Shar Planina and the Kara Dagh, is a place of first military importance as a base of Serbian defense against the north and east. Although a city of some size, possessing more than 30,000 inhabitants and a number of busy factories, it has more of a rural aspect than that of a town when compared with Nish and Belgrade. With the loss of the northern Serblan cities, however, its strategic value becomes more invertent. strategic value becomes more important than that of any other place in the small

### Junction of Railways.

"The railways from Nish and Mitrovitza meet here, whence they proceed as a trunk line to the port of Saloniki. Among the thoroughfares radiating from the city are a road northwest to Prizren, one to the west, to the com mercial center, Gostivar, and one eastmercial center, Gostivar, and one eastnortheast to Kumanovo, which lastnamed takes its way through a narrow valley to the Bulgarian frontier,
It is along this road that the Bulgarians fought their way. Another important road runs south to Koprill, and
thence southwest to Monastir, one of
the best sheltered cities in the land
under the conditions of the present
war.

war.
"In normal years Uskup does a considerable business, of an average value of about \$5,000,000. The staples of its commerce are opium, grain, live stock fruit and tobacco. Its principal manu-

Are Advised.

"No examination under the language test is required by section 3 of the seaman's act or by the regulations of the Department of Commerce," says Secretary Redfield in a liberal interpretation wired yesterday to collectors of customs throughout the country. "If the collector is satisfied," contin-

that a consistory will be held despite war conditions in Europe. The Danish cabinet announced that women will be permitted to vote in the elections of next June. The British cruiser Argyll was wrecked by running aground off the coast of Scotland. Among those who died during the week were Baron von Wangenheim, German ambassador to Turkey; Paul Hervieu, French dramatist: Prof. Wilhelm Windelband of Heidelburg University.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Miss Edith Benham was appointed social secretary at the White House. The joint select committee of Congress began hearings in the investigation of the fiscal relations between the government and the District of Columbia; Henry B. F. Macfarland, Theodore W. Noyes and A. S. Worthington, repre-

an observatory as any in the world.

To establish a comparatively perfect observatory may mean the expenditure of 5500,000, which is only the cost of building one torpedo destroyer."

She-What's his penchant? He-Antiques. She (glaring through lor-gnette)—Is that one of them with him?—Judge.

